road-wise information on road works taken up by the States under the programme. The Ministry of Rural Development has approved a total of 290 road works over a length of 1811.87 kms. at a cost of Rs. 360.83 crore, proposed by Uttaranchal upto November, 2005.

(b) Against total allocation of Rs. 395.00 crore to Uttaranchal upto 2005-06 for Pradhan Mantri Gram Sadak Yojana, an amount of Rs. 201.04 crore has been released to the State. The State has so far reported expenditure of Rs. 129.92 crore.

Implementation of NREGS

†1627. SHRI P.K. MAHESHWARI: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) what steps have been taken to implement the National Rural Employment Guarantee Scheme in an effective manner;

(b) whether assistance would also be sought from Non-Governmental Organisations for this purpose; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI SURYAKANTA PATIL): (a) to (c) The National Rural Employment Guarantee Act, 2005 has been notified on 7.9.2005. Under the Act, Rural Employment Guarantee Schemes are to be formulated by the State Governments. The State Governments have been instructed to formulate Rural Employment Guarantee Schemes under the Act. Wide ranging consultations have been held with State Governments, Non-Governmental Organisations, experts and eminent people with a view to framing the guidelines for the effective implementation of the Act. Under the Act, implementing agency also includes non-governmental organizations authorized by the Central Government or the State Government to undertake the implementation of any work taken up under a Scheme.

Non-performance of States on drinking water supply

1628. SHRI B.K. HARIPRASAD: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.